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1. HIGHLIGHTS. SATURDAY SUNDAY PAPERS FRONT-PAGED INDO-CHINA; MONDAY PAPERS FEATURE PRESIDENT PLANS GRAND TOUR OF

EUROPE THIS FALL. SUNDAY WASHSTAR HAD NIXON JOINS DISPUTE ON SOVIET EXIT TAX; SINCE SHULTZ- BREZHNEV MEETING TAX IS GRADUALLY DISAPPEARING. SOME COMMENT.

1 A. INSIDE STORIES INCLUDE: NYTIMES, SOVIET IMPATIENT ON HELSINKI TALKS; DR. FOSTER FEARS ADVANCE IN SOVIET ARMS; RICHARDSON FACES STORM OVER CLOSING US BASES; PENTAGON ASKS MILITARY AID IN DEFENSE BUDGET; BYRD WANTS US PULLOUT IN EUROPE.

2. PRESIDENTIAL TRIP. MONDAY BALTSUN STORY FROM WIRE SERVICES REPORTS PRESIDENT SAID YESTERDAY HE PLANS TO TOUR EUROPE IN THE FALL, GIVING FIRST WORD IN TALKING TO MEMBERS OF PRESS HE INVITED TO A SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT WHITE HOUSE, STORY ADDING PM ANDREOTTI IS DUE TODAY AND POMPIDOU

BEFORE PRESIDENT TRAVELS TO EUROPE, BRANDT ON MAY 1 AND BREZHNEV PROBABLY IN JUNE. WASHPOST BRAESTRUP ADDS WARREN SAID NIXON WILL PROBABLY VISIT BRITAIN ITALY FRANCE GERMANY. NYTIMES GWERTZMAN REPORTS IT WAS PRESUMED THAT ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES WILL BE VISITED, ADDING NIXON CAN BE EXPECTED TO DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION ON HIS TRIP TO TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS AND TO NEED FOR NATO TO REMAIN UNITED AND STRONG IN A PERIOD OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH SOVIET BLOC.

3. MILITARY AID. MONDAY NYTIMES REPORTS PENTAGON DESIRE TO CONSOLIDATE ALL MILITARY AID IN DEFENSE BUDGET, THUS MAKING AID LESS VISIBLE TO CONGRESS AND PARTICULARLY TO FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND PERHAPS PERMITTING EXECUTIVE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF NORTH VIETNAM WITHOUT GOING TO CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL. FINNEY REPORTS HUMPHREY MADE PUBLIC A COPY OF A LETTER FROM PENTAGON TO ASH AND HE WILL PROTEST TODAY ON SENATE FLOOR THAT PENTAGON WAS MAKING A BOLD- FACED GRAB FOR CONTROL OF MILITARY AID AND AN OUTRAGEOUS END RUN AROUND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND A MOVE CONTEMPTUOUS OF CONGRESS.

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4. HELSINKI. SUNDAY NYTIMES HEDRICK SMITH MOSCOW REPORTED SOVIET PRESS SHOWED FIRST PUBLIC SIGNS OF IMPATIENCE SATURDAY AT SLOW PACE OF PREPARATIONS FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, CITING A COMMENTARY IN THE WEEKLY ZARUBEZHOM WHICH CALLED FOR COMPLETING THE PREPARATORY TALKS DURING MAY AND REPEATED THE CONSISTENT SOVIET POSITION THAT CONFERENCE PROPER CONVEY IN JUNE. SMITH ADDS THAT SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS ARE UNDERSTOOD TO FAVOR AN EVEN LONGER STRETCH- OUT OF THE PREPARATORY PHASE UNLESS MOSCOW AND ITS EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES WILL GET DOWN TO BUSINESS AT THE TALKS IN VIENNA ON MBFR WHICH HAVE BEEN

EMBROILED SINCE JANUARY IN PROCEDURAL ARGUMENTS. SMITH ALSO SAYS SOME WEST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS SAY PRIVATELY THEY BELIEVE MOSCOW WANTS TO PRESS AHEAD WITH CSCE AND WIN A FORMAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE POSTWAR FRONTIER IN EUROPE BEFORE ANY SERIOUS BARGAINING ON REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE, SMITH ADDING THAT THE SOVIET WEEKLY SAID TOO MANY WARS HAVE STARTED IN EUROPE BECAUSE OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO ALLOW ANY EQUIVOCATION ON THIS KEY PROBLEM.

5. SOVIET ARMS. NYTIMES SUNDAY WASHINGTON AP REPORTED DR. FOSTER TOLD HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE THAT SOVIET UNION COULD MAKE A WEAPONS BREAKTHROUGH IN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS WHICH WOULDN' T BE SIMPLY ANOTHER BASKETBALL IN SPACE, FOSTER ASKING: WHAT HAPPENS IF RUSSIA IS FIRST TO

DEVELOP A LASER SYSTEM FOR KNOCKING AIRPLANES OUT OF THE SKY, OR BECOME ABLE TO FIND MOST OF OUR SUBMARINES AT SEA?

6. TROOPS. SUNDAY WASHSTAR UPI REPORTS SENATOR ROBERT BYRD IN MORGANTOWN, W. VA. SPEECH, SAYS IT IS TIME TO WITHDRAW SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF US TROOPS FROM EUROPE, ADDING QUOTE WE CANNOT GO ON FOREVER FOOTING THE BILLS FOR GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE COMPETING WITH US IN THE MARKET PLACES OF THE WORLD UNQUOTE, SENATOR ADDING THAT REBUILDING OF EUROPE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

7. COMMENT. MONDAY NYTIMES COMMENTS IMPORTANCE OF 1973 AS YEAR OF EUROPE UNDERSCORED BY PRESIDENT' S PLANNED TRIP TO EUROPE THIS FALL ALONG WITH THE CONTINUING MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES - SALT, CSCE AND MBFR. NEVERTHELESS, UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYS TIME, MOMENTUM OF EUROPEAN- US RELATIONS LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED. TIMES SUGGESTS NEW COMMON INTERESTS AND CONCERNS ARE OVERLOOKED, SUCH AS THE NEED FOR OIL, POSING AS GREAT A THREAT TO EUROPE AND US IN THE SEVENTIES AS SOVIET THREAT IN LATE FORTIES. EDITORIAL REGRETS HOUSE DEFEATED SENATE- APPROVED PROPOSAL FOR EXPLORATORY TALKS RE ATLANTIC UNION.

7 A. MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, APRIL 4, COMMENTS IDEA OF ATLANTIC UNION WITH EUROPE ALTHOUGH ATTRACTIVE IS LITTLE MORE THAN WISHFUL THINKING, CONSIDERING TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS DIVIDING US AND EUROPE AND POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVISIONS ON THE CONTINENT.

8. RUSSIAN RELATIONS. CHARLES YOST IN APRIL 11 MONITOR AND SATURDAY BALTSUN HAD COLUMN ON LIVING WITH RUSSIANS, HOLDING THAT PROSPECTS FOR MBFR ARE UNFORTUNATELY NOT BRIGHT SINCE NEITHER SIDE IS WILLING TO MAKE MORE THAN

TOKEN REDUCTIONS. YOST SAYS CRITICAL QUESTION ABOUT CSCE IS WHETHER PARTICIPANTS WILL SET UP SOME MODEST CONTINUING MACHINERY WHICH COULD INSTITUTIONALIZE AND CARRY FORWARD THE PROCESS OF DISMANTLING THE IRON CURTAIN BUT EACH SIDE WOULD FEEL NAKED IF CURTAIN WERE TOO SUDDENLY LIFTED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE INSECURITIES EXPOSED. YOST APPLAUDS KISSINGER- NIXON STRATEGY OF CREATING VESTED INTERESTS ON BOTH SIDES THROUGH TRADE AND COOPERATION, BUT ASKS IF THIS IS ENOUGH, RECALLING THAT EUROPE BEFORE 1914 WAS MORE CLOSELY KNIT TOGETHER ECONOMICALLY AND CULTURALLY THAN IT IS TODAY. DESPITE THE FREEZES AGREED IN SALT ONE, SAYS YOST, ARMS RACE GOES ON ITS MERRY WAY AND THE WHOLE THIRD WORLD AND SEVEN SEAS ARE NOW POTENTIAL AREAS OF CONFRONTATION. YOST SUGGESTS POLITICAL- INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES IN

BOTH COUNTRIES MAKE IT WELL- NIGH IMPOSSIBLE TO WIPE OUT MUTUAL DISTRUST AND CONCLUDES THAT MOST OF THE OBSTACLES AND DANGERS TO AGREEMENT LIE NOT SO MUCH IN OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS AS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL ATTITUDES.

8 A. MARQUIS CHILDS COLUMN IN FRIDAY BALTSUN, HEADED, FUTURE OF PRESIDENT' S FOREIGN POLICY IS TIED TO TRADE BILL' S FATE, DISCUSSES JACKSON AMENDMENT RE EXIT TAX AND CONCLUDES WITH EXPECTATION THAT SALT TWO BY EARLY SUMMER
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WILL HAVE COME TO A STALEMATE WHEREUPON BREZHNEV AND NIXON WILL SIT DOWN IN WHITE HOUSE, CUT GORDIAN KNOT, AND THUS PERMIT GENEVA NEGOTIATORS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVE MISSILE.

8 B. SATURDAY NYTIMES HAD ANTHONY LEWIS COLUMN FROM MOSCOW MENTIONING LEWIS' DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS RACE WITH SOVIET INTELLECTUALS, TWO OF WHOM SUGGESTED IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS THAT ON- SITE INSPECTION WAS REALLY THE ONLY WAY TO VERIFY LIMITS ON QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT BUT ADDING THAT US- SOVIET RELATIONS HAD NOT REACHED THE LEVEL OF TRUST REQUIRED TO PERMIT SUCH MUTUAL INSPECTION. LEWIS STRESSES THAT IN MOSCOW ONE SENSES A REAL INTELLECTUAL EFFORT GOING ON IN THE ARMS FIELD PLUS A FEELING THAT AGREEMENT WITH US IS DESIRABLE. ROGERS

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